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Inventor(s): Slaughte  Title: ME AP: AD RE AD OT DIS	igust 31, 2000	SExaminer: Unknown Group/Art Unit: 2152 Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-67400  I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date indicated below.  Robert C. Kowert Name of Registered Representative  Signature  Signature  Signature  Date			
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5.		Applica	ant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:		
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Respectfully submitted,

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